

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 151

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A RESOLUTION to posthumously honor Mr. Ananias Jackson for his meritorious military service in the Civil War.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is altogether proper that we take a moment to recognize those soldiers gone before, soldiers who, with unrivaled bravery, set the standard for thousands of Tennesseans through the ages to continue our time-honored tradition of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, sadly, many of these soldiers have not received the acknowledgement they deserve for their courageous actions that, ultimately, helped shape the history of our country; and

WHEREAS, Ananias Jackson was one such American soldier; he served with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for his heroism in our nation's Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Ananias Jackson was born in December 1845 in what was then known as Madison Station, Alabama; he was the slave of Jim Clement, one of the first settlers of Madison, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson joined the Civil War in December 1863 in Murfreesboro and was assigned to the United States Colored Troops Company B of the 17th Regiment; this valiant Regiment was instrumental in helping the Union win the Battle of Donaldsonville and the Battle of Nashville and destroy the Tennessee Confederate Army; and

WHEREAS, today, Mr. Jackson's name is featured on the wall of the Civil War Museum and the bravery of the 17th Regiment has been immortalized in several books; and

WHEREAS, Ananias Jackson's descendants have preserved his memories and love to recount his exploits with the 17th Regiment; and

WHEREAS, after the Civil War, Ananias Jackson went back to Alabama, where he married Laura Bradford, and they had five children: Ananias, William, Marie, Mary, and a daughter who died at an early age; and

WHEREAS, after Laura died, he felt the call to the ministry and became a traveling preacher; during his ministry, he met and married Elizabeth Rimshauld in Bridgeport, Alabama, where he became a farmer; and

WHEREAS, his great-granddaughter, Annie Delores Hughes Thomas, is today carrying his torch forward with dignity; she has dedicated much effort to researching her valorous ancestor and seeing that Ananias Jackson and his heroic Regiment, nearly a century and a half later, receive the recognition they deserve; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby posthumously honor Mr. Ananias Jackson for his meritorious service in the United States Army during the Civil War, extend our gratitude for his dedication to our country, and honor the memory of this great soldier.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.